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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LONDON, DECEMBER 10-12

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 296218;33) LONDON 19540

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY

LCROYTND IS PLEASED THAT SECRETARY

WILL JOIN HIM AT CHEGQEA/WOLVES MATCH. CROSLAND IS HAPOY TO HAVE FREEMAN COME TOO. IF BOTH MRS. KISSINGER AND MRS. CROSLAND ATTEND, OFFICIAL PARTY WILL NUMBER FIVE. ONE DETECTIVE WILL ACCOMPANY CROSLAND. THERE ARE UP TO A MAXIMUM OF TWELVE SEATS IN DIRECTORS' BOX AVAILABLE ALTOGETHER FOR ENTIRE PARTY. PLEASE ADVISE HOW MANY OF THE REMAINING SIX SEATS SECRETARY WILL REQUIRE FOR SECRET SERVICE AND ANY OTHERS. FYI: CROSLAND ENVISAGES "OFFICIAL PARTY" AS SMALL, INTIMATE GROUP.

2. CROSLAND SUGGESTS THAT SECRETARY MEET HIM AT THE GAME IN THE DIRECTORS' BOX FIVE MINUTES BEFORE KICK OFF, I.E., AT 2:55 P.M.

3. EWEN FERGUSON, CROSLAND'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, INQUIRE WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN ANY RESPONSE TO CROSLAND'S INVITATION TO THE KISSINGERS TO SPEND SATURDAY NIGHT IN ADDERBURY. CROSLAND, HE SAID, IS IN NO WAY PRESSING THE INVITATION, BUT IN THE EVENT KISSINGERS COULD NOT

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ACCEPT, WOULD OFFER A LUNCH FOR THEM ON SATURDAY INSTEAD.

PLEASE ADVISE.

4. FINALLY, FERGUSSON SAID THAT FCO HAD RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON SUGGESTING SHIFT OF CROSLAND-KISSINGER-RICHARD MEETING FROM FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT 4:00 P.M. TO SATURDAY MORNING. CROSLAND PREFERS NOT REPEAT NOT TO SHIFT MEETING. FERGUSSON REQUESTS THAT ALL FUTURE MESSAGES ON KISSINGER VISIT BE TRANSMITTED VIA EMBASSY LONDON TO HIM RATHER THAN VIA BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

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